

IN HONOR OF HAROLD BROWN

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2003

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Harold Brown. Harold is celebrating his 30th anniversary as chief executive officer at Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital.

Wisconsin's second oldest city, Prairie du Chien, is a town of 5,500 people that is rich in both history and culture. Located on the beautiful Mississippi River, Prairie du Chien works hard to maintain its pioneer heritage. Memorial Hospital, a model for rural hospitals around the country, is a 40-bed facility that receives approximately 1,800 admissions and 6,600 emergency room visits each year. Under Harold's guidance, Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital has won both national and state awards for its exemplary service.

My friend Harold has brought an enormous amount of leadership to his position at the hospital. He has been a small and rural hospital administrator for 37 years and was previously a health care consultant and medical education administrator for 6 years. He has received numerous awards, most recently the Governor's Exemplary Employers Award and the Wisconsin Children's Trust Fund Award, both in 2002. In 1988, Harold received the Louis Gorin Award for Outstanding Contribution to Rural Health Care by the National Rural Health Association. Continually awarded the Employee of the Year Award by the employees of Memorial Hospital, he also received the Community Distinguished Service Recognition Award for 25 years of service.

From 1985 to 1990, Harold worked hard to provide new services for the elderly at Memorial Hospital. He developed and implemented certified hospice and rural regional hospice, as well as day care for the elderly. He helped establish an independent living program for seniors, as well as meals-on-wheels service. Further, Harold was instrumental in starting elderly apartment housing, as well as a companion care program.

In 1990, Harold expanded Memorial Hospital's service to the community to include, among other programs, child day care, expanded rehab services, athletic training, parish nursing, and personal care.

A longtime member of the Wisconsin Hospital Association, Harold is also a part of the National Rural Hospital Association, serving as the group's president in 1996. He is also a board member of the Rural Wisconsin Hospital Cooperative, an organization that includes 26 rural hospitals. A member of the AIDS committee, Harold is involved with Shared Health Services, a corporation providing services to 400 hospitals and nursing homes.

Harold continues to take an interest in Prairie du Chien. A highly active member of the community, he is a member of the City Planning Council, the Special School Board Committee, and the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Council. His service has not gone unnoticed; in 1997, Harold was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award by the National Rural Health Association. He received the Prairie du Chien Area Chamber of Commerce C.F. LaPointe Award in 1999, an honor that is given annually for service to one's community. He has committed himself to not only the healthcare

needs of Prairie du Chien but to its other needs as well.

Harold's service to the state of Wisconsin and the community of Prairie du Chien has been tremendous. He has dedicated much of his life to providing quality health care and has touched many lives along the way. Harold is truly a man of great service, and I feel privileged to call him a friend.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR PAUL JADIN

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

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Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today before this house I'd like to recognize and honor Mayor Paul Jadin, whose exceptional leadership and commitment to the citizens of Green Bay have strengthened our community, and set a superb example for our future leaders.

Paul's dedicated service as mayor spanned 8 years. During that time, he helped our struggling downtown find new life, eliminated a score of government inefficiencies, revitalized our neighborhoods, and showed our business community that it makes sense to reinvest in a city like Green Bay.

As a friend and colleague, I am sad to see Paul leave. However, I know that his constituents are very grateful for the tremendous contributions he has made to our community throughout his tenure. Green Bay is a strong community with an exceptional work force, a proud history, and a wholesome tradition. There's no question Paul has kept Green Bay on that path.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and pleasure to recognize today the extraordinary service of Mayor Paul Jadin. On behalf of my constituents, we say thank you, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

REINTRODUCTION OF AMERICANS ABROAD LEGISLATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

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Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce legislation that would require a test census of Americans abroad in 2004. There are approximately 3 million to 6 million private American citizens living and working overseas, and many of them continue to vote and pay taxes in the United States. These citizens help increase exports of American goods, because they traditionally buy American, sell American, and create business opportunities for American companies and workers. Their role in strengthening the U.S. economy, creating jobs in the United States, and extending U.S. influence around the globe is vital to the well-being of our Nation. From a test census, we will learn methods and ways to count Americans abroad accurately. The legislation's goal is to include, if possible, all of these missed citizens in the 2010 decennial census.

A CELEBRATION OF YOUTH IN HONOR OF CLAIRE MARGARET SMITH OF MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the birth and life of Claire Smith, born to our son Brad and his wife Diane on February 2, 1992. It was in this year on my birthday, November 5, that I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; 1992 was the international space year and my first committee assignment was Science.

It is for Claire, and for all our children and grandchildren, that we in Congress continue to push the boundaries of science, invention, and technology, so that their lives, will be better and more productive in the years to come.

My wife Bonnie and I join with Claire's other grandparents, Neville and Jennifer Monteith from Kitchener, ON in celebrating this young life and all the opportunities we have through science to make the future better for our legacy, those children and grandchildren like Claire Smith.

HONORING GREGORY HAWKINS FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENT OF THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Gregory Hawkins, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 66, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Gregory has been very active with his troop, participating in such Scout activities as Camp Geiger, Camp Bartle, and 45 nights of camping with his troop. Additionally, Gregory has earned 33 merit badges for activities and projects he has participated in. During his time with Troop 66, he has been involved in over 112 hours of community service that the troop has performed.

For his Eagle Scout project, Gregory landscaped an area next to Clinton County Middle School. He moved a tree and constructed and installed five benches for the middle school students to use.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Gregory Hawkins for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE CREDIT UNION

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, in 1953, the roots of Heritage Community Credit Union were planted. This year the Credit Union, and all those